THE SAYINGS OF Women,

Which were ſpoken upon ſundry occaſions, in ſeveral places of the Scriptures.

Briefly Collected and ſet together to ſhew how the Lord *poured out of his Spirit upon the whole Houſe of Iſrael*; not only on the Male; but alſo on the Female; and made them *Stewards of the manifold Gifts of his Grace*; and as thoſe who knew they muſt give an account of their Stewardſhip to the Lord.

So did all the Women that were wiſe in Heart, manage their particular Talents, to the Praiſe and Glory of God.

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Firſt, WE find the Sayings of faithful *Sarah*, concerning her Son *Iſaac*, the Child of Promiſe, (to whom the Inheritance belonged) when ſhe ſaw *Iſhmael* mocking of him, ſhe ſaid to *Abraham* her Husband, *Caſt out this Bond-woman and her Son, for the Son of this Bond-woman ſhall not be Heir with my Son, even with* Iſaac. And God commended her Care, and juſtified her Speech, ſaying, unto *Abraham*, *Let it not be grievous in thy ſight, becauſe of the Lad, and becauſe of the Bond-woman; in all that* Sarah *hath ſaid unto thee, hearken unto her Voice, for in* Iſaac *ſhall thy Seed be called*, Gen. 21. 10. 12.

2dly, We find *Rebecca*, the Wife of *Iſaac*, ſpeaking to the Lord, and the Lord anſwering her, *Gen.* 25.22, 23. when ſhe was with Child of *Jacob* and *Eſau*; the Children ſtrugling together within her, ſhe went to inquire of the Lord [not of Doctors] ſaying, *If it be ſo, why am I thus?* And the Lord ſaid

unto her, *Two Nations are in thy Womb, and two manner of People ſhall be ſeparated from thy Bowels; and the one People ſhall be ſtronger than the other People, and the Elder ſhall ſerve the Younger.* And after the Children were Born and come to Age, ſhe ſpoke unto her Son *Jacob*, and inſtructed him how he ſhould obtain the Bleſſing, which God had promiſed, *Gen.* 27. 6. and ſo on. And afterwards ſhe took care of her Son *Jacob*, concerning his Marriage, ſaying to *Iſaac* her Husband, *If* Jacob *take a Wife of the Daughters of* Heath, *ſuch as theſe, which are of the Daughters of the Land, what good ſhall my Life do me?* Verſ the laſt. And *Iſaac* approved of her Speech, and called *Jacob* and bleſſed him, and ſaid unto him, *Thou ſhalt not take a Wife of the Daughters of* Canaan, Chap. 28. 1.

3*dly*, We find *Rachel* and *Leah* ſpeaking unto *Jacob* in theſe wholſom Words, ſaying, *Now therefore whatſoever God hath ſaid unto thee, do*, Gen. 31. 16.

4*thly*, We find *Miriam* the Propheteſs ſpeaking to an Aſſembly of Women, *Exod.* 15. 20. 21. when *Moſes* had made an end of his Song of Praiſes to the Lord, for the Salvation and Deliverance of his People; then *Miriam* the Propheteſs, the Siſter of *Aaron*, took a *Timbrell* in her

Pſal. 68. 25.

her Hand, and all the Women went out after her with Timbrels and with Dances; and *Miriam* anſwered them, and ſaid, *Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed glorioufly; the Horſe and his Rider hath he thrown into the Sea*, &c.

5*thly*, We find *Deborah*, a valiant Mother and Judge in *Iſrael*, (and ſhe was alſo a Propheteſs) ſpeaking to *Barack* a Captain, who had ten Thouſand men at his Feet, yet ſhe inſtructed him how he ſhould go up againſt *Seſſera*, (Captain of *Jabins* Army, the Children of *Iſraels* Enemy) and ſhe ſaid, *I will ſurely go up with thee, notwithſtanding the Battel thou takeſt ſhall not be for thine Honour, for the Lord ſhall ſell* Siſſera *into the Hands of a Woman*; Read *Judges* 4. throughout. And then we have her Song, wherein ſhe magnified the Name of the Lord, and ſaid, *Bleſſed be* Jael *above Women, the Wife of* Heber; *bleſſed ſhall ſhe be in the Tent*, &c. Judg. 5. 24. And ſhe made a large Declaration of the Righteous Acts of the Lord, in the ſore going and following Verſes; for he it was that had avenged his People of their Enemies.

6*thly*, We find *Jeptha's* Daughter, ſaying to her Father, *As thou haſt opened thy Mouth unto the Lord, ſo do unto me according to what hath proceeded out of thy Mouth, foraſmuch as the Lord hath taken Vengeance for thee on thine Enemies*,

Enemies, even of the Children of Amon, Judg. 11. 26.

7*thly*, We find *Manoah's* Wife ſaying to her Husband, *A man of God came unto me, and his Countenance was like the Countenance of an Angel of God, very terrible; but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his Name; but he ſaid unto me, Behold thou ſhalt conceive and bear a Son; and now drink no Wine, nor ſtrong Drink, neither eat any unclean thing, for the Child ſhall be a* Nazarite *to God from the Womb, to the day of his Death*, Judg. 13.7. And when *Manoah* ſaid to his Wife, *We ſhall ſurely dye, becauſe we have ſeen God*; his Wife being more ſtedfaſt in Faith, wiſely anſwered and encouraged him, ſaying, *If the Lord were pleaſed to kill us, he would not have received Burnt-Offering and a Meat-offering at our Hands; neither would he have ſhewed us all theſe things.*

8*thly*, We find *Naomy* ſpeaking concerning her own Adverſity, ſaying to the People of *Bethlehem*; *Call me not* Naomy, *call me* Marah, *for the Almighty hath dealt bitterly with me; I went out full, and the Lord hath brought me home again empty, and hath afflicted me*, Ruth. 1, 20, 21.

9*thly*, We find *Ruth*, the *Moabitis*, ſpeaking comfortably to *Naomy* her Mother, in her ſorrow, ſaying, *Intreat me not to leave thee*

thee, nor to return from following thee; for whither thou goeſt, I will go, and where thou lodgeſt I will lodge; thy People ſhall be my People; & thy God my God; where thou dyeſt, will I dye, and there will I be buried; The Lord do ſo to me, and more alſo, if ought but Death part thee and me, Ruth 1. 16, 17. And afterwards, both theſe Women found Favour from the Lord; and the Women of the City bleſſed the Lord on their behalf, *Ruth* 4. 14.

10*thly*, We find *Hannah* praying in the Temple, and pouring out her Soul before the Lord; and the Lord heard her, and granted her Petition, 1 *Sam.* 1. from *Verſ.* 10. to 18. And when her requeſt was granted, ſhe made a fervent and large Speech, in magnifying and exalting the Lord, *Chap.* 2. from *Verſ.* 1. to 10.

11*thly*, We find when *Saul* and *David* had made a great ſlaughter upon the *Philiſtines*, the Women came out of all the Cities of *Iſrael*, Singing and Dancing, with Inſtruments of Muſick; *And the Women anſwered one another as they plaid, and ſaid,* Saul *hath ſlain his Thouſands, and* David *his ten Thouſands,* 1 Sam. 18. 6, 7. And as the Women were pertakers of outward Salvation and Deliverance, as well as the Men, by *David* in the time of the Law; ſo are they pertakers with their Brethren of inward Salvation and Deliverance

Deliverance from the Devil, by Chriſt, the Captain of our Salvation: And therefore they ought to Praiſe and make Melody in their Hearts to the Lord, now in the time of the Goſpel.

12*thly*, We find *Abigal*, the Wife of *Nabal*, ſpeaking to King *David*, ſaying, *Let thine Hand-maid, I pray thee, ſpeak in thine Audience, and hear the Words of thine Hand-maid.* And ſo ſhe went on, and preach't a large Sermon to him, as we find written, 1 *Sam.* 25. 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31. And *David* the King heard her patiently, and afterwards he ſaid unto her, *Bleſſed be the Lord God of* Iſrael *which ſent thee this day to meet me; and bleſſed be thy Advice, and bleſſed be thou, which haſt kept me this day from coming to ſhed Blood*, Verſ. 32, 33. So we ſee this Wiſe Woman, by her Prudence and Innocence, ſaved her Houſe from Deſtruction.

13*thly*, We find the Woman of *Tekoah* ſpeaking to King *David*; yea, ſhe communed with him, till ſhe convinced him of the Matter ſhe had to ſay unto him, ſee 2 *Sam.* 14. 4. and ſo on. Though ſhe ſpoke in a Parable, yet by her diſcretion ſhe made Reconciliation between *David* and *Abſalom*, and cauſed the King to call home again his Baniſhed, which he had expelled from him.

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14*thly*, We find a *Wiſe Woman* of the City of *Abel*, ſpeaking to *Joab* the General, yea, ſhe preached to him, and told him, *She was one of them that were faithful in* Iſrael, *and thou ſeekeſt to deſtroy a City and Mother in* Iſrael; (ſaid ſhe) *Why wilt thou ſwallow up the Inheritance of the Lord?* 2 Sam. 20. from Verſ. 16. to 20. So ſhe convinced him, and preſerved the City: And her Wiſdom, Courage and Faith is recorded to Poſterity.

15*thly*, We find a poor Widdow ſpeaking to the Prophet *Elijah*, ſaying, *I have but a handful of Meal in a Barrel, and a little Oyl in a Cruſe, and behold I am gathering two Sticks that I may go in and dreſs it for me and my Son, that we may eat it and dye*, 1 Kings 17.12. Yet in Faith ſhe made the Prophet a Cake thereof firſt; and ſhe found that her Meal and Oyl waſted not, as you read *Verſ.* 16. for the Lord gave in a ſupply, who had commanded her to ſuſtain the Prophet, *Verſ.* 9. So ſhe had the reward both of her Faith & Works.

16*thly*, We find the *Shunamite*-Woman ſpeaking to her Husband concerning the Prophet *Eliſha*, ſaying, *Behold! now I perceive that this is a Holy Man of God, which paſſeth by us continually: Let us make a Chamber, I pray thee, on the Wall, and ſet for him there a Bed, and a Table, and a Stool, and a*

Candle-ſtick, and it ſhall be when he cometh to us, that he ſhall turn in thither, 2 Kings 4. 9, 10. Thus ſhe was ſenſible of the neceſſity of the Prophet in his Journey; and according to her care, the Prophet was careful it might be recompenced to her; ſee Verſ. 13. For ſhe was a great Woman, and had no Child, therefore the Prophet told her, *She ſhould have a Son*, and ſhe had ſo, according to his word: And when the Child dyed, ſhe had Faith to believe (and alſo told her Husband) *That if ſhe went to the man of God, all ſhould be well*: And it was ſo, for by Faith ſhe received her Dead raiſed to Life again, as you may read, Verſ. 23. and 36.

Heb. 11. 35.

17*thly*, We find a captive Maid, who was brought out of the Land of *Iſrael*, and waited upon the Wife of *Naaman* the *Aſſyrian*, (who was a Leper) ſaying to her Miſtriſs, *Would God, my Lord were with the Prophet that is in* Samaria, *for he would recover him of his Leproſie*. Thus ſhe ſpoke from the ſenſe ſhe had of the Power of the Lord, which he would ſhew through his Prophet; and it proved ſo, for *Naaman* went unto him, and was healed, 2 *Kings* 5. 23.

18*thly*, We find *Huldah* the Propheteſs, which dwelt in the Colledge in *Jeruſalem*, ſpeaking to *Hilkiah* the Prieſt, and *Shaphan* the

the Scribe, and to the King's Chancellor, which he ſent, and commanded to commune with her, and to them, and thoſe that came with them, ſhe made a large declaration in the Name of the Lord, as you may read, 2 *Kings* 22. from *verſ.* 12. to the end. Now here, neither King nor Prieſt, deſpiſed a Woman's Speech.

19*thly*, We find Queen *Eſther* ſpeaking to King *Ahaſuerus*, in behalf of the poor *Jews* her People, *Mordica* her Uncle having ſent unto her, ſhe bid the Meſſengers return him this anſwer, *Gather together all the* Jews *that are preſent in* Shuſhan, *and faſt ye for me; neither eat nor drink three Days, Night nor Day; I and my Maidens will faſt likewiſe: And* (with Courage and Reſolution ſhe ſaid) *ſo will I go in unto the King, which is not according to the Law, and if I periſh, I periſh,* Eſth. 4. 16. And by her diſcreet Behaviour, ſhe obtained favour of the King, (God inclining his Heart) ſo that he held out the Golden Scepter to her, and ſaid unto her, *What wilt thou Queen* Eſther, *and what is thy Requeſt? it ſhall be given thee to the half of the Kingdom,* Chap. 5. 2, 3. So again, Chap. 7. 2. *Then* Eſther *the Queen anſwer'd, and ſaid, If I have found favour in thy ſight, O King! and if it pleaſe the King, let my Life be given me at my Petition, and my People at my Requeſt; For*

we are ſold, I and my People to be deſtroyed, to be ſlain, and to periſh: But if we had been ſold for Bond-men and Bond-women, I had held my Tongue, although the Enemy cannot countervail the King's damage. Then King Ahaſuerus *anſwered, and ſaid unto* Eſther *the Queen, Who is he? and where is he that durſt preſume in his Heart to do ſo? And* Eſther *ſaid, The Adverſary and Enemy is this wicked* Haman, Verſ. 3, 4, 5, 6. *And* Eſther *ſpake yet again before the King, and fell down at his Feet, and beſought him with Tears, to put away the Miſchief of* Haman, *and his Device that he had deviſed againſt the* Jews. *Then the King held out the golden Scepter toward* Eſther; *ſo* Eſther *aroſe, and ſtood before the King, and ſaid, If it pleaſe the King, and if I have found favour in his ſight, and the thing ſeem right before the King, and if it be pleaſing in his Eyes, let it be written to reverſe the Letter deviſed by* Haman, *which he wrote to deſtroy the* Jews, *which are all in the King's Provinces; For how can I endure to ſee the Evil that ſhall come upon my People? Or how can I endure to ſee the Deſtruction of my Kindred?* Chap. 8. 3, 4, 5, 6. And the King granted it. So by her Wiſdom, Faith, and innocent Reſolution, ſhe ſaved her People, and became a Nurſing-Mother in *Iſrael.*

20*thly*, We find *Zereſh*, the Wife of *Haman*

Haman, ſaying to her Husband (before the Queen had made complaint againſt *Haman*) *If* Mordica *be of the Seed of the* Jews, *before whom thou haſt begun to fall, thou ſhalt not prevail againſt him, but ſhalt ſurely fall before him*, Eſth. 6. 13.

21*thly*, We find King *Solomon*'s Mother ſaying to her Son, by way of Inſtruction; *Give not thy Strength unto Women, nor thy Ways to that which deſtroyeth Kings. It is not for Kings, O* Lemuel, *it is not for Kings to drink Wine, nor for Princes, ſtrong Drink; leſt they forget the Law, and pervert the Judgment of any of the Afflicted: Give ſtrong Drink unto him that is ready to periſh, and Wine to thoſe that be of heavy Hearts: Let him drink and forget his Poverty, and remember his Miſery no more: Open thy Mouth for the Dumb in the cauſe of all ſuch as are appointed to Deſtruction: Judge Righteouſly, and plead the Cauſe of the Poor and Needy*, Prov. 31. from Verſ. 3. to 9.

Thus we find many renowned Women recorded in the Old Teſtament, who had received a Talent of Wiſdom and Spiritual Underſtanding from the Lord; as good Stewards thereof they improv'd & imploy'd the ſame to the Praiſe and Glory of God.

So likewiſe in the *New-Teſtament* we find another Number of many Daughters,

who as they were made Heirs of the Grace of Life, together with their Brethren; ſo upon ſundry occaſions they ſpoke and praiſed the Lord, who had beſtowed Mercy on them.

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her, *Daughter, thy Faith hath made thee whole, go in Peace.*

5*thly*, We find the *Virgin Mary*, to whom the Angel of God was ſent, telling of her, That by the Power of the Moſt-high, ſhe ſhould bring forth a Son, whoſe Name ſhould be called *Jeſus*, and he ſhould be the Son of the higheſt, and he ſhould Reign over the Houſe of *Jacob*, and of his Kingdom there ſhould be no End, *Luke* 1. 26. and ſo on. Now, though this ſeemed to her impoſſible, that ſuch a thing ſhould be, yet in Faith ſhe believed, and ſaid, *Behold the Hand-maid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy Word*, Verſ. 38. And then we have her Song of Praiſe, from *Verſ.* 46. to 55. And *Mary* ſaid, *My Soul doth magnifie the Lord, and my Spirit hath rejoyced in God my Saviour; for he hath regarded the low eſtate of his Hand-maiden: For behold! from hence-forth all Nations ſhall call me Bleſſed; for he that is mighty hath done to me great things, and Holy is his Name, and his Mercy is unto them that fear him, from Generation to Generation; He hath ſhewed Strength with his Arm, and hath ſcattered the Proud in the Imagination of their Hearts; He hath put down the Mighty from their Seats, and exalted them of low degree; He hath filled the Hungry with good things, and the Rich hath he ſent empty away; He hath holpen*

holpen his Servant Iſrael, *in remembrance of his Mercy, as he ſpoke to our Fathers, to* Abraham, *and his Seed for ever.*

6thly, We find *Elizabeth,* the Wife of *Zacharias* the Prieſt, ſaying, *Thus hath the Lord dealt with me, in the day wherein he looked on me, to take away my Reproach among men,* Luke 1. 25. This was when ſhe was with-Child of *John* the *Baptiſt,* the fore-runner of Jeſus Chriſt; and when *Mary* came into her Houſe, ſhe was filled with the Holy Ghoſt, and ſpoke out with a loud Voice, ſaying, *Bleſſed art thou among Women, and bleſſed is the Fruit of thy Womb: And whence is this to me, that the Mother of my Lord ſhould come unto me? For lo, as ſoon as the Voice of thy Salutation ſounded in my Ears, the Babe leaped in my Womb for joy: And bleſſed is ſhe that believed, for there ſhall be a performance of thoſe things which were told her from the Lord,* Verſ. 42. and ſo on.

7thly, We find ancient *Anna,* a Propheteſs, a Widdow, of about Four-ſcore and four Years of Age, which departed not from the Temple, but ſerved God with Faſting and Prayer, Night and Day; when the Child Jeſus was brought thither, ſhe coming in at that inſtant, gave Thanks unto the Lord, and ſpake of him to all that looked for Redemption in *Iſrael, Luk.* 2. 36, 37, 38.

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8thly, We find *Chriſt* and *Mary* communing together, *Luke* 10. 39. And when *Martha* would have called her away from ſitting at Jeſus's Feet, where ſhe heard his Word; Chriſt reproved her for her cumber, and commended *Mary*, ſaying, *She hath choſen that good part, which ſhall not be taken away from her*, Verſ. 42. And this is Chronicled and left upon Record, that all People might chiefly prefer the better part, and eſteem the Word of Truth as the one thing needful.

9thly, We find certain Women, which followed Chriſt even to his Crucifixion; ſee *Mark* 15. 40. giving Teſtimony of his Reſurrection: *Luke* 24. 10. Its ſaid, *It was* Mary Magdalen *and* Joanna, *and* Mary *the Mother of* James, *and other Women that were with them, which told theſe things unto the Apoſtles*; to wit, that Chriſt was riſen. And *Verſ.* 22, 23, 24. One of the Brethren, named *Cleophas*, confeſt to Chriſt, that certain Women of their company made them aſtoniſhed, which were early at the Sepulcher, and when they found not his Body, they came, ſaying, *That they had ſeen a Viſion of Angels, which ſaid, that he was alive; and certain of them which were with us, went to the Sepulcher, and found it even as the Women had ſaid.*

10thly, We find Chriſt, the head of the Church, diſcourſing with the Woman of *Samaria* concerning *living Water* & Worſhip, John 4. from v. 7. to. 27. as you may read at large, *ſhe deſired living Water* (v. 15.) and by the Anſwer Chriſt gave her, *ſhe perceived him to be a Prophet*, (v. 19.) Then ſaid ſhe to him, *Our Fathers worſhipped in this Mountain, and ye ſay, that in* Jeruſalem *is the place where men ought to Worſhip* (v. 20.) Jeſus ſaith unto her, *Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye ſhall neither at this Mountain, nor yet at* Jeruſalem *worſhip the Father*, (v. 21.) and then he certifieth her, both of the place and manner of Worſhip; *But the hour cometh, and NOW IS*, (ſaith Chriſt) *when the true Worſhippers ſhall worſhip the Father in Spirit and in Truth; for the Father ſeeketh ſuch to worſhip him: God is a Spirit, and they that worſhip him muſt worſhip him in Spirit & in Truth* (v. 23, 24.) (This ſecret Chriſt revealed to a Woman, and ſuffered her alſo to ſpeak freely unto him.) The Woman ſaith unto him, *I know that* Meſſias *cometh, which is called Chriſt, when he is come, he will tell us all things.* Jeſus ſaith unto her, *I that ſpeak unto thee am he*, (v. 25, 26.) And upon this came his Diſciples, and marvelled that he talked with the Woman; but no man ſaid, *Why talkeſt thou with her?* The Woman then left her Water-pot,

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and went her way into the City, and ſaid to the men, *Come ſee a man, which told me all things that ever I did, Is not this the Chriſt?* v. 28, 29. and many of the *Samaritans* of that City believed in him, for the ſayings of the Woman, which teſtified, *He told me all that ever I did*, v. 39.

11*thly*, We find *Mary Magdalen*, coming early to the Sepulcher on the firſt day of the Week, & finding the Stone taken away from the Sepulcher, ſhe runneth to *Simon Peter*, and to the other Diſciples whom Jeſus loved, ſaying unto them, *They have taken away the Lord out of the Sepulcher, and we know not where they have laid him*, John 20. 1, 2. And ver. 11. we find her ſtanding without at the Sepulcher weeping, and as ſhe wept, ſhe ſtooped down and looketh into the Sepulcher, and ſeeth two Angels, which ſaid unto her, *Woman, why weepeſt thou?* ſhe ſaid unto them, *Becauſe they have taken my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him*, v. 13. And when ſhe had thus ſaid, ſhe turned her ſelf back, and ſaw Jeſus ſtanding, but knew not that it was Jeſus; Jeſus ſaith unto her, *Woman, why weepeſt thou; whom ſeekeſt thou?* ſhe ſuppoſing him to be the Gardner, ſaith unto him, *Sir, if thou haſt born him hence, tell me where thou haſt laid him, and I will take him away.* Jeſus ſaith unto her, *Mary*; ſhe turned her ſelf, and

and ſaith unto him, *Rabboni*, which is to ſay, *Maſter*; Jeſus ſaith unto her, *Touch me not, for I am not yet aſcended to my Father: but go to my Diſciples, and ſay unto them, I aſcend unto my Father and your Father, unto my God and your God:* *Mary Magdalen* came and told the Diſciples this Meſſage, *That ſhe had ſeen the Lord, and that he had ſpoken theſe things unto her*; as you may read from *Verſ.* 14. to 18. how Chriſt conferred with *Mary*, and ſhe with him; unto whom he firſt ſhewed himſelf after his Reſurrection.

12*thly*, We find a certain Woman, named *Lydia*, a ſeller of Purple, of the City of *Thyatira*, which worſhipped God, whoſe Heart the Lord had opened, that ſhe attended unto the things that were ſpoken of *Paul*; and ſhe ſpake unto him, and them that were with him, ſaying, *If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my Houſe, and abide there.* So ſhe conſtrained them, *Acts* 16. 14, 15. And theſe her Sayings, with the Sayings and Doings of many faithful Women more, were Chronicled by the Church for rare Paterns of Love to Chriſt and his Diſciples, to be Examples to their Childrens Children.

13*thly*, and *laſtly*; As to what I ſhall now write, we find a certain Damſel poſſeſſed with a Spirit of Divination, which brought her

her Master much Gain by Southsaying; the same followed *Paul*, and other Apostles, and cryed out, saying, *These are the Servants of the Most-high God, which shew unto us the Way of Salvation:* And this did she many dayes, *vers.* 17, 18. of the 16th Chapter of the *Acts:* Insomuch that *Paul* was grieved for her, and had compassion on her, so that he turned, and said to the Spirit, *I command thee in the Name of Jesus Christ, to come out of her*; and he came out the same hour. From whence we may take notice, that she obtained the Reward of her Faith, and of her Testimony to the Truth; for as she believed and owned the Apostles to be the Servants of the Lord, so she was dispossessed of the evil Spirit by *Paul*, who spoke in the Name and Power of God.

Hereunto I might add divers other *instances* of believing Women, as that of *Dorcas*, who is call'd a Disciple of Christ Jesus, *Acts* 9. 36. And likewise of *Priscilla*, who together with her Husband *Aquilla*, took *Paul* home to their House, when he was first instructed in *Christianity*, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly, *Acts* 18. 25, 26. And afterwards were Fellow-helpers with *Paul* in Christ Jesus; as himself saith, *Rom.* 16. 3.

And I might bring in *Philip's* four Daughters,

ters, which were Propheteſſes, ſent forth to encourage others.

And alſo *Febee*, a woman in eſteem in the Church of Chriſt, whom *Paul* commends and calls, *Their Siſter, and a Servant of the Church which is at* Cenchrea, *Rom.* 16. 1.

And that Woman, to whom *John* the *Evangeliſt* ſends his Epiſtle, ought not to be forgot, to wit, *The Elect Lady and her Children, whom I love in the Truth*, ſaith *John*, 2 Epiſt. v. 1. But I remember I ſpoke of Brevity in the beginning, therefore I do but mention theſe Worthies in the latter end, becauſe I find nothing ſaid by them; thus I leave them, deſigning only to write out of Scripture the Sayings of the Women, and not to ſay much of them.

So I ſhall draw to a *Concluſion*, laying down this aſſertion, viz. That as Male and Female are made one in Chriſt Jeſus, ſo Women receive an Office in the Truth as well as Men, and they have a Stewardſhip, & muſt give an account of their Stewardſhip to their Lord, as well as the Men: Therefore they ought to be faithful to God, and valiant for his Truth upon the Earth, that ſo they may receive the reward of Righteouſneſs, which is as they are faithful to their little, ſo ſhall they be made rulers over much: And as they patiently continue in well-doing, ſeeking Glory, Honour and Virtue, ſo ſhall they obtain a Crown of Immortality and Eternal Life, when they

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ſhall have paſſed through this Vale of Trouble and Tears; then ſhall that bleſſed Sentance be finally pronounced on them, *Well done good and faithful Servants, enter into the undiſturbed Reſt and Joy of your Lord.*

Elizabeth Bathurſt.

POSTSCRIPT.

ALthough the *Woman* was firſt in the Tranſgreſſion, which brought in Death; yet was ſhe made by the Power of the Lord, to bring in him *who is the Reſurrection and the Life*: For this was the Promiſe of the Father, *That the Seed of the Woman ſhould bruiſe the Serpents Head*, Gen. 3. 15. And it is long ſince fulfilled: For in the fulneſs of time Chriſt came, being born of a *Woman*, to wit, the *Virgin Mary*, as 'tis written, *Mat.* 1. 23. So that it may be ſaid, *As by Woman came in the Tranſgreſſion and Degeneration; So by Woman alſo came in the Reconciliation and Reſtoration*, to wit, *Chriſt*, who came of the Woman's Seed; *He it is, who is the Healer of our Breaches, and Reſtorer of our Paths; And in him Male and Female are made all one*, as ſaith the Apoſtle, *Gal.* 3. 28.

THE END.